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Bilger et al.

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Sir:

The following petition is for acceptance of the appended application as being filed upon the date indicated below. Prompt consideration and granting of the petition is respectfully requested.

STATEMENT

1. On or about February 23, 2005, Applicants prepared the above identified patent application for entering the United States National Phase of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (appendix A).
2. The patent application was reviewed by the undersigned attorney and provided by administrative staff to DHL for prompt delivery to the United States Patent Office.
3. As per normal internal procedures, a copy of receipt by DHL was obtained (appendix B).
4. As per normal internal procedures, delivery of the DHL package containing the patent application was electronically tracked. Based upon the tracking, it is believed that the parcel was delivered to the United States Patent Office on February 25, 2005 at 14:04 (appendix C).
5. An internal docketing date of one-month was made in anticipation of receipt of the stamped post card.
6. No post card was received.
7. In May, 2005, the undersigned telephoned the United States Patent Office, Office of Initial Patent Examination and Patent Cooperation Treaty Office regarding application status. The undersigned was informed of a backlog and told to call back in a few months time if nothing was received in the interim.
8. No post card was received after May, 2005 and prior to the second telephonic inquiry.
9. In August, 2005, the undersigned telephoned the United States Patent Office a second time. Based upon the second inquiry, it is believed that the application was lost.
10. A confirmation of delivery was obtained from Rada Yvtchina, Key Account Support Advisor, DHL on or about August 22, 2005 (Appendix D, E and F).

POINTS TO BE REVIEWED

Review of the following points and/or issues is requested:

1. Whether the patent application was timely received by the United States Patent Office with respect to normal entry of the United States National Phase of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

ACTIONS REQUESTED

The following actions are requested:

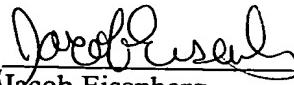
1. Acceptance of the Patent Application in Appendix A.
2. ~ Granting of Filing Date of February 25, 2005.
3. Generation and mailing of an appropriate Official Filing Receipt to Applicants representatives below.

CONCLUSION

In the event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that monetary relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No.: 502464 referencing client reference: 2002P11311WOUS.

The Patent Office is requested to contact the undersigned at any time and for any reason.

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